

How to find fishing regulations for waters in this county.

1. Determine the waterbody you are going to fish.
2. Review the Statewide General Law Fishing Regulation Section.
3. Review the Southern and Eastern County Fishing Rules Section.
4. Review the list of waterbodies in the County that have special regulations (S-Codes or written).
 - a. If the waterbody you are going to fish is listed the special rules take the place of the standard regulations for those items listed (i.e. season, daily limits, etc.)
 - b. If the waterbody you are going to fish is not listed then Statewide General Law and Southern and Eastern County Regulations Apply.

FISHING RULES FOR THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN COUNTIES

(Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford south of the Androscoggin River, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York)

Lakes and Ponds:

- From January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to all fishing (includes both ice and open water fishing).
- From January 1 - September 30: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, general law length and bag limits apply to all fish caught while open water fishing or ice fishing (see page 5).
- From October 1 - December 31: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, all trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught while open water fishing or ice fishing must be released alive at once.

Brooks, Streams and Rivers:

- From April 1 - August 15: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5).
- From August 16 - September 30: Fishing in brooks, streams and rivers is restricted to the use of artificial lures or flies only, and the combined total daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue is 1 fish.
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, brooks, streams and rivers are closed to all fishing. Any open to open water fishing or ice fishing between October 1 and March 31 will be indicated under the appropriate county.

Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, on lakes and ponds in the Southern and Eastern counties the daily bag limit on trout is 2 fish.

Many waters have special rules that differ from the general law provisions. Check the list of individual waters under each county. If the water you wish to fish appears in that list, the letter codes will direct you to the special rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the provisions for Maine's Southern and Eastern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.
- B:** Closed to ice fishing until January 1, then open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- CO:** Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - March 31.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.
(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

General Law

General Law applies unless otherwise specified. Please refer to individual waters for more detail.

SEASONS

- For Southern and Eastern Counties, see page 16
- For Western and Northern Counties, see page 44

LANDLOCKED SALMON, TROUT, TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)

DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS:	MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS		The term “trout” when used alone includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout) The term “brook trout” also includes splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee Trout and Blueback Trout).
	Lakes & Ponds	Rivers, Brooks, Streams	
5 Brook Trout ^{A,B} (includes Splake and Arctic Charr)	6 inches	6 inches	
2 Landlocked Salmon ^A	14 inches ^C	14 inches ^C	
2 Togue (Lake Trout) ^A	18 inches	18 inches	
2 Brown Trout ^A	14 inches ^C	6 inches ^C	
2 Rainbow Trout ^A	12 inches	6 inches	
^A Important...From August 16 - September 30, fishing on rivers, brooks, and streams statewide is restricted to the use of artificial lures only and the combined daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue (lake trout) is 1 fish.			
^B Important...On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.			
^C In Washington County - except West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower Sysladobsis and East Musquash Lakes - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.			

BASS (largemouth and smallmouth)

April 1 - June 30: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; artificial lures only; minimum length limit: 10 inches
July 1 - September 30: Daily bag limit: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 exceeding 14 inches.
October 1 - March 31: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches.

OTHER SPECIES

Species	Daily Bag Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Pickarel	10 fish	None
Whitefish	3 fish	None
Smelts	2 quarts	None (see page 11 - laws & definitions)
Northern Pike	None	None
Muskellunge	None	None
American eel	50 fish	6 inches
Shad	2 fish	None
Striped Bass	1 fish	Between 20 and 26 inches in total length, or 40 inches or greater in total length.
Atlantic Salmon	See page 98	See page 98
Species not listed above	None	None

The daily bag, possession and minimum length limits on this page apply to waters open to fishing that DO NOT have special rules stating otherwise. Special Rules (S-Codes) can be found on page 7.

SPECIAL RULES FOR ICE FISHING AND OPEN WATER FISHING (S-CODES)

- S-1: Closed to taking smelts.
- S-2: Closed to taking smelts, except by hook and line.
- S-3: Tributaries closed to taking smelts.
- S-4: Use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited. (The use of dead fish, salmon eggs, and worms permitted.)
- S-5: Fly fishing only.
- S-6: Artificial lures only.
- S-7: All trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught must be released alive at once.
- S-8: Restricted to 2 lines per person.
- S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. Restricted to two lines per person. Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-10: Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: artificial lures only; all trout, landlocked salmon and togue must be released alive at once. Closed to open water fishing from December 1 - March 31.
- S-11: Reserved for additional options.
- S-12: Reserved for additional options.
- S-13: No size or bag limit on bass.
- S-14: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-15: All bass between 13 and 18 inches must be released alive at once. April 1 - June 30: daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish. July 1 - March 31: daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish.
- S-16: Daily bag limit on trout 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.
- S-17: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.
- S-18: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches.
- S-19: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-20: All trout less than 6 inches and longer than 12 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-21: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches.
- S-22: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 1 fish.
- S-23: Minimum length on landlocked salmon: 16 inches.
- S-24: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.
- S-25: Daily bag limit on togue: 1 fish.
- S-26: Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 18 inches.
- S-27: Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 23 inches.
- S-28: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.
- S-29: No bag limit on pickerel. From July 1 - September 30: artificial lures only; the minimum length on trout is 8 inches.
- S-30: Indian Territory Regulations. See pages 89-93.
- S-31: Boundary waters with New Brunswick. See pages 93-95.
- S-32: Border waters with New Hampshire. See pages 95-97.
- S-33: Maximum length on landlocked salmon and brown trout: 25 inches.

OXFORD COUNTY South of the Androscoggin River

Oxford County north of the Androscoggin River can be found on pages 57-60.

Border water rules between Maine and New Hampshire can be found on pages 95-97. These waters are listed as S-32.

See general law fishing provisions on page 5, and special rules for Maine's southern and eastern counties on page 16. Some waters may have special rules that differ from general law.

If the water you wish to fish in Oxford County south of the Androscoggin River IS listed below, the letter code will direct you to the rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the special provisions for Maine's southern and eastern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

A: Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.

CI: Closed to ice fishing.

S: Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.
(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

Unless indicated otherwise below, on lakes and ponds in Oxford County south of the Androscoggin River the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

Abbotts Pond, Sumner. CI. S-4, S-10.

Anasagunticook (Canton) Lake, Canton and Hartford. Lake and tributaries open to the taking of smelts, except for Sparrow Brook which is closed.

Androscoggin River. See Fish Consumption Advisory. (See Androscoggin County)

Back (5 Kezars) Pond, Lovell and Stoneham. S-13. Motorboats over 10

horsepower prohibited.

Bear Pond, Waterford. Mutiny Brook is closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day.

Bickford Pond, Porter. S-1.

Billy Brook, Brownfield. From confluence with Shepherd's River upstream to the first bridge: S-9.

Boston Pond, Denmark. Motorboats prohibited.

Bradley Pond, Lovell. Motorboats prohibited.

Broken Bridge Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live bait. CI. S-1, S-3, S-4, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Brownfield Bog, so-called, on the east side of the Saco River, Brownfield and Fryeburg. From January 1 - December 31 open to all fishing under lakes and ponds general law provisions for Oxford County South of the Androscoggin River.

Bryant Pond (or Lake Christopher), Woodstock and Greenwood. Pond and tributaries open to the taking of smelts with exception of Bowker Brook and Stone Cottage Brook and the area within 200 feet of the mouth of Stone Cottage Brook.

Burnt Meadow Pond, Brownfield. S-3, except Durgin Brook below red markers, S-13.

Chapman Pond, Porter. CI. S-6, S-10.

Clay Pond and outlet to barrier dam, Fryeburg. CI. S-6, S-10. Motorboats prohibited.

Clemons Pond, Big, Hiram. S-13. Pond and tributaries open to the taking of smelts with the exception of Little Clemons Pond outlet and the area within 100 feet of the mouth of this tributary.

Colcord Pond, Porter. S-2, S-3.

Concord Pond, Little, Woodstock. CI. S-5, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-5, S-7.

Crocker Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the

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taking of live bait. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

Crooked River. (See Cumberland County)

Cushman Pond, Lovell. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

Closed to the taking of live bait.

Motorboats Prohibited.

Cushman Pond and tributaries, Sumner.

CI. S-4, S-10.

Farrington Pond, Lovell. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

Granger Pond, Denmark. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

Hall Pond, Paris. S-13. Motor Vehicles prohibited on ice (does not include ATV & Snowmobile).

Heald Pond, Lovell. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

Horseshoe Pond, Denmark. Motorboats prohibited.

Horseshoe Pond, Lovell, Stoneham. S-3. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

Hutchinson Pond, Albany Twp. S-13.

Indian Pond, Greenwood. **CI.** S-2, S-3, S-4, S-13. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Ingalls Bog (headwaters of Willette Brook), Denmark. From January 1 - December 31 open to all fishing under provisions for lakes and ponds in Oxford County South of the Androscoggin River.

Island Pond, Waterford. S-13. (See Cumberland County)

Jaybird Pond, Hiram, Porter. **CI.** S-6, S-17, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.

Jewett (5 Kezars) Pond, Waterford, Stoneham. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

Keewaydin Lake, Stoneham. S-2, S-3. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Keoka Lake, Waterford. S-2, S-3, S-22, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Keyes Pond, Sweden. **CI.** S-2, S-3, S-13, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Kezar Lake, Lovell and Stoneham. S-2,

S-3, S-22, S-23, S-27, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Kimball Pond, Lower, Fryeburg. S-32.

Lake Christopher. (See Bryant Pond)

Little Pond (Little Moose Pond),

Denmark. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

Long Pond and tributaries, Denmark.

CI. Opens to open water fishing May 15: S-2, S-3, S-6, S-17. Closed to fishing from a point at the mouth of brook at head end of pond to point 150 feet down the pond; points to be plainly marked. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited. From October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Closed to open water fishing from December 1 - May 14.

Middle (5 Kezars) Pond, Lovell, Waterford. S-13. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

Moose Pond, Denmark and Sweden. (See Cumberland County)

Mosquito Pond, Albany Twp. Closed to the taking of live bait. **CI.** S-5, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-5, S-7.

Mud Ponds (5 Kezars), Big and Little, Waterford and Stoneham. S-13. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

North Pond, Sumner. S-13, S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited within 300 yards of North Pond Dam. Motorboats with more than 10 horsepower prohibited on rest of pond.

Ossipee River, Porter, Hiram, (Oxford County); Parsonfield, Cornish (York County): S-13, S-33.

- From Kezar Fall's Dam (Porter/Parsonfield) to Warren's Bridge (Cornish): S-6, S-19.
- That portion of the Ossipee River between the red markers located approx. 100 yards upstream and 100 yards downstream from the confluence

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of Wedgewood (Pendexter) Brook:
Closed to all fishing. (See listing for
Wedgewood (Pendexter) Brook in York
County).

Overset Pond, Greenwood. Closed to the
taking of live bait. **CI.** S-1, S-3, S-17. Fly
casting and fly trolling only with single
hooked flies or tandem-hooked flies. From
October 1 - November 30: Fly casting and
fly trolling only with single hooked flies
or tandem-hooked flies, S-7. Closed to all
fishing from December 1 - March 31.

Pennesseewasee (Norway) Lake Outlet,
Norway. From the dam at Main Street
(Route 117) downstream to the dam at
Route 26: S-9 applies only during April
and May.

Pennesseewassee Lake, Little (Hobbs),
Norway. S-13. Motorboats over 10
horsepower prohibited.

Perleys Pond, Denmark. Motorboats over
6 horsepower prohibited.

Pleasant Lake, Otisfield (also Cumberland
County). S-1, S-3, S-22, except that from
October 1 - December 31: S-7. From
January 1 - March 31: S-23.

Quint's Bog, so-called, on the west side of
the Saco River, Brownfield and Fryeburg.
From January 1 - December 31: open to
open water and ice fishing under lakes and
ponds general law provisions for Oxford
County South of the Androscoggin River.

Round Pond and tributaries, Albany
Twp. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

Saco River. (See Cumberland and York
Counties)

Shagg Pond, Woodstock. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

Songo Pond, Albany Twp., Bethel. S-3.

South Pond, Greenwood. S-3. Areas in
the lake within 100 feet of the mouth of
any tributary are closed to the taking of
smelts.

Sparrow Brook, Hartford. (See
Anasagunticook Lake)

Speck Pond (Big), Norway, Waterford.

Closed to the taking of live bait. **CI.** S-6,
S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.
Stanley Pond, Hiram and Porter. S-13.

Thompson Lake (including the Heath),
Poland, Oxford, etc.

- Ice Fishing. S-26. Daytime fishing
restricted to 2 lines per person. Open to
the taking of cusk in the nighttime with
5 lines and bait. During the months of
January and February: Closed to the
taking of landlocked salmon; all
landlocked salmon must be released
immediately without removal from the
water. During the month of March:
S-22, S-23. Daytime fishing restricted
to artificial lures only.
- Open Water Fishing. From April 1 -
September 30: S-2, S-3, S-22, S-23.
From October 1 - December 31: S-7.
Motorboats prohibited in The Heath, the
southernmost part of Thompson Lake,
separated from the main lake by a
causeway.

Trafton Pond, Hiram and Porter. S-13.

Trout Pond, Stoneham. **CI.** Open to open
water fishing from ice-out through Septem-
ber 30: S-6, S-16.

Twitchell Pond, Greenwood. S-2, S-3.

Washburn Pond, Sumner, Woodstock.
CI. S-4, S-10.

Wild River, Batchelder's Grant, Gilead.
S-19.

Worthley Pond, Peru. S-2, S-3.